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Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

ISIS, AL-QAIDA ‘REGROUPING’ IN LIBYA, WHAT’S US STRATEGY?



ISIS and al-Qaida are regrouping in war-torn Libya as reports indicate Russians are pushing a military presence into the years-long civil war and some members of Congress want to know what the United States is doing about it.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2018/04/23/isis-al-qaida-regrouping-in-libya-whats-us-strategy-congress-asks/>

US WARNS OF GROWING AFRICAN TERROR THREAT

ISIS and al Qaeda (AQ) represent major threats and are growing in strength in West Africa according to the commander of US special operations in Africa, General Hicks. "The AQ and ISIS inspired threats in Lake Chad Basin and here in the Sahel are very real and continue to grow in strength" said Hicks.



<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/19/politics/africa-isis-al-qaeda-threat/index.html>

IRANIAN-BACKED ‘SLEEPERS’ MILITANTS LOCATED IN U.S., READY TO ACT



The commander of U.S. Southern Command said there's "significant concern" in the Western Hemisphere about "the ability of radicalization to occur via the internet" and create terrorists in their home countries, as well as the return of foreign fighters who spent time in Syria.

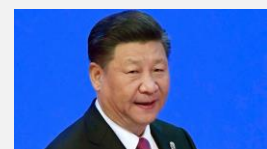
<https://counterjihadreport.com/2018/04/23/iranian-backed-sleeper-cell-militants-hibernating-in-u-s-positioned-for-attack/>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

CHINA ENGAGED IN MASSIVE THEFT OF US TECHNOLOGY, SAY ANALYSTS

China is engaged in large-scale theft of American research and technology from universities, using spies, students, and researchers as collectors, experts told Congress recently.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/04/12/china-engaged-in-massive-theft-us-technology.html>





CHINA USING STUDENTS AS SPIES



A senior U.S. counterintelligence official recently said publicly what many officials and experts have been warning privately for years: China is using its large student population in the United States to spy.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/25/china-uses-students-as-spies/>

US SUSPECTS CELLPHONE SPYING DEVICES IN WASHINGTON DC

For the first time, the U.S. government has publicly acknowledged the existence in Washington of what appear to be rogue devices that foreign spies and criminals could be using to track individual cellphones and intercept calls and messages.

<https://apnews.com/d716aac4ad744b4cae3c6b13dce12d7e/APNewsBreak:-DHS-finds-suspected-phone-spying-in-Washington>



Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

The military destruction of the ISIS Caliphate in Iraq and Syria has forced ISIS as a group to scatter. Many ISIS fighters have left the Middle East to find refuge elsewhere; a large number have come to rest in Libya, as well as a number of Western African nations. In addition, smaller groups have been seen in Egypt, Yemen and Somalia. Al-Qaeda (AQ) has taken advantage of the ISIS defeat and are currently trying to bolster their own forces by recruiting disaffected ISIS followers. Both terrorist organizations continue their efforts to call for attacks against the United States and the West. The espionage threat posed to the United States from China continues to make headlines. These efforts include using Chinese students studying here in the United States to gain access to advanced information and technology. This use of “non-traditional” collectors poses a huge challenge in protecting emerging technology. The United States is China’s number one espionage target, with significant Chinese effort towards acquiring leading edge U.S. research and development. This collection effort includes any available information that could further their economies or their national goals worldwide. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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